

15th District E-Newsletter

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Summer 2022 E-Newsletter

Dear Neighbors,

It has been an exciting summer serving District 15. Thank you for your calls, emails, and messages – it's my privilege to advocate for residents!

This newsletter includes photos from just a few moments, including the Washington Park Playground ribbon cutting, Pride month parade and citations, a Doyne Park Neighborhood meeting, Juneteenth Day parade, a Neighborhood Walk to Jackson Park Farmers Market and more.

Ongoing Events

[Liberty Park Family Fun Nights](#)

[Washington Heights Night Market 2022](#)

[Jackson Park Farmers Market Thursdays 3-7pm](#)

[Washington Park Wednesdays start July 13th](#)

[Vliet Street Oasis Market starts August 5th](#)

Upcoming

[Bastille Days West July 14th](#)

[West Milwaukee Park "Pop Up" Beer Garden July 14th](#)

[Liberty Heights Block Party July 26th](#)

[Doyne Park meeting August 4nd](#)

[Vliet Street Sidewalk Sale August 6th](#)

WIS 175 Stadium Freeway study- Still no word from the Wisconsin Dept of Transportation on when the study will begin. They are waiting on a timeline for [federal funds](#). I encourage everyone to speak up and participate in this study—opportunities are in the works and I'll be bringing these to you when available.

Pools- Though the county lifeguard shortage this year is unprecedented, summer is underway and [Milwaukee County pools are open!](#)



Valley Park- The park bubbler hadn't worked in years! I reached out to Alderman Murphy's office, Parks Department, and ultimately Milwaukee Water Works. After a little motivation, the city and county departments worked together, found the problem, and the city reconnected the damaged water supply the very next week!

Doyne Park- The previous golf course is in the process of a transformation and Parks Department needs neighbors' input to help re-imagine Doyne Park. The next neighborhood meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 4th from 5:30pm to 6:30pm at the Wisconsin Humane Society. I hope to see you there!

I-94 East West Project- We had great participation and neighbor engagement during the recent public open houses in June. Here is a ["drive through" video of](#) the reimagined stadium interchange which costs \$70-\$90 million less than the previous version that had high arching flyover ramps. Next is the anticipated release of the supplemental Environmental Impact Study which is expected in the fall. Here is a link to the [design project website](#) where you can also submit your comments about the proposals.

Transit- WisGo in the Umo App™ is our newest way to plan your trip, track your bus, and pay for your ride, all in one place. Just download the app, create an account, and register your mobile device- [more information](#).

MCTS [East-West Bus Rapid Transit](#) is expected to launch in Spring 2023. An additional study on the 27th Street [North-South Transit Enhancement](#) is also underway.

Route schedule [changes start August 28](#). Riders in the 15th District will see an increase in transit service:

- Route 60 (60th Street) – more buses would arrive between National Avenue and Layton Avenue (every 30 min. instead of 50 min.)
- Route 54 (Mitchell – Burnham) - will be extended west of 70th along National Avenue to 111th Street. Buses would no longer turn around via a one way loop on National, 70th, Greenfield.

Small details matter- A constituent emailed me about the worn-out road striping on Mitchell Boulevard, especially at the intersection at Bluemound Road. After alerting County DOT and the Parks Dept about the safety hazard, crews restriped the road in no time.

Reach out! County concern? Compliments? Future events? Noteworthy accomplishments? I want to hear from you!

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Thank you for your continued support. Let's get to work,
District 15!



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Mitchell Boulevard before



Mitchell Boulevard after



Woods Cemetery Memorial Day ceremony



Washington Park Bloom and Groom

National Seniors Fitness Day at Washington Park



Washington Park playground ribbon cutting



West Allis Americas Dairyland neighbor meeting



Housing stakeholder meeting at U.S. Bank



Pride month celebrations



Biking with County Executive David Crowley



Pop up with UMCS at 36th and Galena St



Polish Fest opening ceremonies



Neighborhood picnics are my favorite!



Juneteenth Day parade with Milwaukee County Transit



Meeting Latvian Prime Minister Krisjanis Karins

Press Releases

[Supervisor Burgelis to Participate in National Senior Health and Fitness Day at Washington Park May-16-2022](#)

[County Supervisors Honor Milwaukee County Asian American Pacific Islander Leaders May-26-2022](#)

[County Supervisors Support Milwaukee Brewers Pride Night Jun-07-2022](#)

[Supervisor Burgelis Encourages Residents to Visit Historic Concordia Neighbors Home Tour Jun-10-2022](#)

[Supervisor Burgelis Encourages Residents to Attend I-94 East-West Corridor Study Public Involvement Meeting Jun-14-2022](#)

[Supervisor Burgelis Will Host Neighborhood Discussion on the Future of Doyne Park Jun-15-2022](#)

[Supervisor Burgelis to Host Neighborhood Walk with Local Elected Officials Jun-17-2022](#)

[Supervisor Burgelis Authors Citations to Honor LGBTQ+ Activists Janice Colby and Don Schwamb Jun-23-2022](#)

[County Supervisors Denounce Supreme Court Decision to Overturn Roe v. Wade Jun-27-2022](#)

[Crime Stoppers Reward Announcement for Information Leading to Arrest of Brazil Johnson's Killer Jun-30-2022](#)

[Joint Statement from Supervisors Martin, Johnson Jr., Clancy, Shea, and Burgelis on SCOWIS Ballot Box Decision, Introduction of Legislation Jul-12-2022](#)

Legislative updates

[22-556](#) Supporting the people of Ukraine and condemning the unprovoked aggression and war crimes committed by Russian Federation soldiers in Ukraine (signed 6/2/2022)

[22-740](#) Declaring a stated preference against any direct investment of County funds in Russian or Belarusian assets (adopted 6/2/2022)

[22-703](#) Repudiating the history of discriminatory covenants in Milwaukee County (adopted 6/23/2022)

[22-662](#) Reestablish the Milwaukee County Commission on Youth and align its priorities with Milwaukee County's mission and vision to achieve racial equity (published 06/08/2022)

[22-769](#) Celebrating the civic and design contributions of Frederick Law Olmsted to Washington Park, Milwaukee County, and the United States; and renaming the roadway in Washington Park to Olmsted Way; and allocating \$2,000 from Org. Unit 1940-1945 Appropriation for Contingencies to Org. Unit 9010 Parks, Recreation and Culture Administration to update the signage (in committee)

[22-659](#) Calling upon the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) to hold public listening sessions in addition to its information sessions for the Interstate 94 (I-94) East-West Project from 70th Street to 16th Street, and calling for as much removal of the Stadium Freeway, designated as Wisconsin State Trunk Highway 175 (STH 175), as possible to return that land to the community (in committee)

[22-672](#) Endorsing State of Wisconsin passing legislation which would fairly divide Register of Deeds fees between the State and the collecting county, and authorizing the Office of Government Affairs staff to request inclusion of this resolution as part of the 2022 Wisconsin Counties Association (WCA) legislative platform (in committee)

[22-727](#) Declaring a higher and better use for acres of parking lots, calling upon the Southeast Wisconsin Professional Baseball Park District to collaborate with the City of Milwaukee and Village of West Milwaukee to redevelop some of its parcels, and requesting the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) study dismantlement of the Stadium Freeway (STH 175) south of Interstate 94 (I-94) (in committee)

[22-800](#) Providing for an advisory referendum on the November 8, 2022, election ballot to measure public opinion on allowing adults 21 years of age and older to engage in the personal use of marijuana, while also regulating commercial marijuana-related activities, and imposing a tax on the sale of marijuana (in committee)

Parks Department Launches Your Parks, Your Voice Website

Milwaukee County Parks recently created a new project tracking website called **Your Parks, Your Voice**. The website features a simple layout for project pages and various public input tools.

Each project page includes a title, summary, map, before photo (eventually an after photo), and an indication of what stage the project is in. Currently, about 40 projects are published at various project stages.

Each project includes the following stages:

- **Plan** - During the planning stage the Parks Department completes site surveys, feasibility studies, and gathers additional information to develop project goals, outcomes, and budgets.
- **Envision** - With community input, Parks develops potential project solutions, identifies funding sources, and makes budget requests.
- **Design** - The design stage can include several phases, including concepts, iterations, final design, and engineering design plans.
- **Construction Ready** - During this stage requests for bids are issued and contractors are selected. Sometimes projects may wait in this stage until construction funding is secured.
- **Construction** - Construction is underway and will follow the construction plan. During this stage facility and road closures may be needed.
- **Close Out** - Construction has ended and final reviews are underway.
- **In Use** - The project is open to the public for use.

Projects can be searched via their filter tags. Each project has been assigned its respective district number. Using the tags dropdown, you can select a district number to find all projects within a particular district. Projects have also been tagged by project type. Other tags listed include Area of Concern, Golf, Historically Significant, Infrastructure, Natural Areas, Playground, Trails, and Waterway Restoration.

If you would like to stay informed about a project, you can register an account and subscribe to specific projects. You will then receive an email alerting them whenever the project moves on to the next project stage.

MCTS, City of Milwaukee and MPS Partner for Largest Bus Shelter Art Project in County History

Milwaukee County Transit System (MCTS) bus shelters are now capturing the imagination of early childhood learners. As an extension of the City's Pop Spots learning initiative, 24 shelters serve as a colorful canvas for young children to engage and develop.

On Tuesday, June 28, MCTS, the Mayor's Office, the City of Milwaukee Office of Early Childhood Initiatives, and Milwaukee Public Schools unveiled one of the Pop Spot shelters at 6410 W. Silver Spring Drive.

The City of Milwaukee Office of Early Childhood Initiatives Pop Spots empower parents and caregivers with fun, easy ways to boost their children's learning in places where they are already spending time, such as bus stops.

The art offers engaging activities in both English and Spanish, such as shape and color matching, in a family-friendly way that supports early brain development. Five of these murals are located near Milwaukee Public Schools.

The MCTS Bus Shelter Art Project started in 2018 and has since provided 53 canvases to local artists to beautify communities across Milwaukee County.

For more information about the Bus Shelter Art Project, visit www.ridemcts.com/programs/bus-shelter-art-project.

Enroll in TSA Pre✓ from July 25 to August 5

TSA Pre✓® will offer passengers at Milwaukee Mitchell International Airport (MKE) the opportunity to enroll at the Airport from July 25 to August 5.

Passengers enrolled in TSA Pre✓® do not need to remove shoes, 3-1-1 liquids, laptops, light outerwear, or belts when going through TSA security screening. All the airlines serving MKE participate in TSA Pre✓®.

Enrollments will be offered during the following times:

- Monday through Friday, July 25 – August 5
- 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. and 1 p.m. – 5 p.m.
- Main terminal/Concession Mall, near the Miller Brewery Shop

Travelers are strongly encouraged to pre-enroll and schedule an interview at www.tsa.gov/precheck. Walk-ins are available without an appointment, however, there may be a wait for service.

To pre-enroll, travelers should type in the location “MKE” and choose “Pop Up: MKE 7/25-8/5.” After enrollment, successful applicants will receive in the mail a Known Traveler Number that can be added to airline tickets and frequent flyer profiles.

County Board Adopts Proposal to Reimagine Committees

At its June meeting the County Board unanimously adopted a [proposal](#) by Chairwoman Marcelia Nicholson to reimagine several standing committees to increase focus on sustainability, parks, transit, and the annual budget.

The following changes will be made to the County Board’s standing committees:

- The Committee on Economic and Community Development would become the Committee on Community, Environment, and Economic Development (CEED).
- The Committee on Parks, Energy, and Environment would become the Committee on Parks and Culture (CPC).
- The Committee on Judiciary, Safety and General Services would become the Committee on Judiciary, Law Enforcement and General Services (JLEG).
- The Committee on Transportation, Public Works, and Transit would become the Committee on Transportation and Transit (T&T).

In addition, the ordinance change eliminates the regular County Board committee cycle in November to facilitate the annual budget process and allow Supervisors enhanced ability to perform budgetary oversight.

Delta Adds New Nonstop Service from MKE to New York - JFK

Milwaukee Mitchell International Airport recently welcomed additional daily nonstop service to New York on Delta Air Lines. Delta has added nonstop service between MKE and New York – JFK.

This new service is in addition to Delta’s existing nonstop service from MKE to New York – LaGuardia. To celebrate the route launch, MKE treated travelers to New York-inspired food, gifts, and music.

“We’re delighted to welcome additional service to New York, and we commend Delta for offering more ways to get travelers to the Big Apple this summer and beyond,” said Airport Director Brian Dranzik. “There’s been an increased demand for travel to this exciting city, and we’re glad that Delta is responding by giving travelers more versatility and options by offering service to both JFK and LaGuardia.”

This service also opens up easy one-stop flight connections to dozens of new domestic and international destinations, which includes many cities in Africa and Europe, through Delta’s JFK hub.

The new flights will operate seven days per week on CRJ-700 aircraft featuring nine First Class, 16 Delta Comfort, and 44 Main Cabin seats. Delta also offers a SkyClub for members at MKE which features complimentary cocktails, fresh and healthy food options, free high-speed Wi-Fi, and more.

Air Canada Resumes Service from Milwaukee Mitchell to Toronto

Air Canada has resumed its daily nonstop service between Milwaukee and Toronto. The route had been suspended in 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

“We’re very pleased to welcome back Air Canada and all the travelers who enjoy the popular Toronto route,” said Airport Director Brian Dranzik. “Many people are traveling this summer for the first time in two years. This relaunched nonstop service gives travelers easy access to Canada’s largest city, known for its beautiful waterfront and rich ethnic and cultural offerings, as well as nearby Niagara Falls.”

Through Air Canada’s Toronto Pearson primary global hub, travelers can also connect easily to exciting destinations across Canada, Europe, Asia, Africa, and the Middle East.

Air Canada’s MKE flights now operate seven days per week on CRJ-200 aircraft. The route is one of 11 cities and 41 routes that Air Canada suspended across North America when the pandemic began.

Tickets are available at aircanada.com or on the Air Canada mobile app. The route can also be booked through Air Canada’s Star Alliance partner, United Airlines.

Bradford Beach Now Open

2022 beach season officially began with Memorial Day weekend!

Last year the beach had one of its busiest ever seasons, with over 750,000 visitors. To help ensure everyone has a great beach season, Milwaukee County Parks provided this helpful graphic with the beach rules.



Reserve a Picnic Area Online

Milwaukee County Parks have 140 outdoor rental spaces that are perfect for any small gathering! If you're counting on having picnic tables for a party or if you plan on drinking alcohol, grilling, or putting up a tent, you'll need to reserve a site with a Milwaukee County Parks Picnic Rental Permit.

Picnic Areas are available 7 days a week, May 1 – Oct. 15.

[View rates, rules and regulations](#)

[Reserve your picnic area online](#)

Milwaukee County Zoo Welcomes New Baby Giraffe

The [Milwaukee County Zoo](#) has welcomed its newest baby animal — a female reticulated giraffe born on May 27 to mom, Marlee, and dad, Bahatika.

The baby is described by zookeepers as "spunky and strong" and, at her day-old examination, was found to be 164 pounds and around 6 feet tall.

The new giraffe is Marlee's third baby. Her most recent baby, Maya, was born in 2018, and still lives at the Milwaukee County Zoo.

Marlee is 10 years old and arrived in Milwaukee from Miami in 2013. Bahatika is 17 and arrived in Milwaukee from Colorado in 2006.

The zoo's giraffe building will be open from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. the rest of the week. Since giraffes don't like loud noises, volunteers will try to keep noise levels down, and the building's hours will expand as the baby gets more used to visitors.

Marlee and the baby both have the choice of where to go in the indoor habitat, although so far they have mostly been choosing to stay in a back area out of sight of visitors.

Follow the zoo's [social media accounts](#) to help choose the baby's name.



A La Carte at the Zoo Back for 2022

The Milwaukee County Zoo recently announces initial details for this year's a la Carte at the Zoo presented by Meijer. The festival, this year with new twists, takes place August 18-21. New hours for the festival: Thursday through Saturday 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Sunday 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.

The Zoo welcomes these major musical performers as headliners for the 2022 a la Carte:

Thursday, August 18 at 6 p.m. Bella Cain

Bella Cain has become one of the largest and most "in demand" Top 40 country groups in the region. With amazing musicianship, unmatched high energy onstage, production that includes one of the premier sound and light shows teamed up with the Bella Girls, this is truly musical variety not seen before on the regional country music scene. The WAMI-award winning band features over 23 members, including musicians, dancers, sound and light engineers, techs/crew, merchandise staff and drivers. Bella Cain performs 120+ shows a year across the Midwest and is known as the hottest "Top 40 Country Group" in the area.

Friday, August 19 at 7 p.m. Spin Doctors

Revisit the class of 1988 and the Spin Doctors are the last men standing, still making music like their lives depended on it, still riding the bus, still shaking the room. Even now, plans are afoot for a seventh studio album and another smashing world tour, adding to their tally of almost 2,000 shows! But faced with that milestone, even a band of their velocity takes a breath for reflection: "I'd never had guessed," admits drummer Aaron Comess, "this would have turned into 30 years of making great music together."

Saturday, August 20 at 7 p.m. Plain White T's

Award-nominated, multiplatinum Chicago quintet, Plain White T's, has amassed an enduring and engaging catalog, spanning two gold-certified offerings including All That We Needed (2005) and Every Second Counts (2006). "Hey There Delilah" went quadruple platinum, topped the Billboard Hot 100, and earned a pair of 2008 GRAMMY Award nominations in the categories of "Song of the Year" and "Best Pop Performance by a Duo or



Group with Vocal." Expect new music in 2022 from the Plain White T's!

Sunday, August 21 at 4 p.m. De La Buena

Featuring jazz harmonic sensibility and a deep-seated love of diverse cultures, De La Buena explores textures and rhythms of Latin music of the Americas with roots planted firmly in African Diasporic traditions. Growing from a trio into a powerful 10-piece band over the last six years, De La Buena has been electrifying audiences with their own brand of Afro-Cuban and Latin Jazz.

The 2022 a la Carte offers a Wild Weekend of fun including local eats, trendy music, and of course, 2,000+ animals! Here are the highlights:

Local Eats

Enjoy a variety of cuisines as you stroll through the park to enjoy our renowned animal population. Participating restaurants include:

Milwaukee a la Carte, Café El Sol, Catalano Corn, C-Viche, La Masa, Meat on the Street, Nothing Bundt Cakes, Saz's, Scrima's Pizza, Shawarma House, Thunder Bay, Ultimate Confections, Wong's Wok.

National and Local Musicians

In addition to fabulous food and headline acts, local bands will perform on five stages throughout the Zoo. Relax to the soothing sounds near your favorite animal! From hip-hop and jazz to Top 40 and everything in between, there's something for everyone's musical tastes.

Activities and Attractions

Crafty kids can create fun and imaginative projects inspired by works of art at the Milwaukee Art Museum -- Thursday and Friday from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The Wild Weekend wouldn't be complete without "Zoo Favorites" like the Safari Train, Animal in Action Talks, Ocean Connections, the Goat Yard, and Kohl's Wild Theater. Let your imagination take flight with Dino Don's Dragon Kingdom, sponsored by Sendik's Food Market, located in a lush forest behind the Small Mammals building. Here visitors will encounter more than 15 awesome animatronic creatures found in cultures throughout the world. Compare physical attributes of these mythical dragons with animals found at the Zoo and learn the similarities and connections between them. Details are coming soon on flexible admission rates for a la Carte at the Zoo. All musical entertainment is included with admission. Food, special attractions, and Zoo rides can be purchased for an additional fee. Zoological Society membership is valid for a la Carte.

Milwaukee County News

[Milwaukee airport will sponsor Summerfest Skyglider, support lakefront festivals](#)

Milwaukee Business Journal, June 3, 2022

[Milwaukee Public Museum begins site preparations for new museum](#)

Milwaukee Business Journal, June 7, 2022

[County Creates New Youth Commission](#)

Urban Milwaukee, June 7, 2022

[The Milwaukee County Zoo has a new baby animal, a harbor seal pup](#)

Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, June 8, 2022

[MCTS Will Change 9 Bus Routes](#)

Urban Milwaukee, June 8, 2022

[Mayor Johnson, County Executive Crowley take to bikes to highlight Milwaukee safe streets projects](#)

WUWM 89.7 FM, June 10, 2022

[Airport Restaurant's New Menu Offers Iconic Local Foods](#)

Urban Milwaukee, June 28, 2022

[City and county leaders host Jackson Park neighborhood walk to build community trust](#)

CBS 58 TV, June 30, 2022

[Red panda cub at Milwaukee County Zoo starting to grow](#)

ABC 12 TV, June 30, 2022

[Black transgender woman killed: Milwaukee officials are offering \\$28,000 for information](#)

CNN, July 1, 2022

[Crime Stoppers offers \\$28K for information in Milwaukee transgender woman's killing](#)

WISN 12, July 1, 2022

[Summer activities at the Milwaukee County Zoo](#)

Fox 6 TV, July 5, 2022

[Century-old tradition continues at Milwaukee County parks for 4th of July celebration](#)

NBC 4 TV, July 4, 2022

[Milwaukee County judges say there's 'a crisis in the court system'](#)

ABC 12 TV, July 6, 2022

[Without lifeguards, ambassadors work to keep Milwaukee's beachgoers safe](#)

WUWM 89.7 FM, July 6, 2022

[Milwaukee leaders bristle at Supreme Court ruling barring ballot drop boxes and its references to corrupt elections in dictatorships](#)

Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, July 9, 2022

[Milwaukee County parks 4th of July fireworks rescheduled for Aug. 2](#)

CBS 58 TV, July 12, 2022

[Milwaukee County To Use \\$19M For Affordable Housing, Home Ownership](#)

Patch Milwaukee, July 12, 2022

[County plans to reopen McKinley Beach after reconstruction](#)

ABC 12 TV, July 13, 2022

[Exploring what the Milwaukee County Parks trail system
has to offer](#)

WUWM 89.7 FM, July 13, 2022